

The President's Daily Brief

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I. MAJOR PROBLEMS

VIETNAM

Current Communist military activity is confined to sporadic ground attacks and occasional shellings. A single enemy rocket round struck the Tan Son Nhut Air Base early this morning local time following a rash of terrorist incidents in the Saigon area yesterday. First reports indicate that the rocket caused no damage, but the terror attacks killed two civilians and wounded nine others.

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MIDDLE EAST

Rumored demonstrations in the Arab countries on the second anniversary of the six-day war failed to materialize. In Israeli-held Arab territory, however, planned "strikes" by businessmen and students met with spotty success. Two Israeli soldiers were killed in Gaza; another was wounded in Jerusalem.

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If Tapline officials cannot work out arrangements with the Israeli authorities for repair of the oil pipeline, the

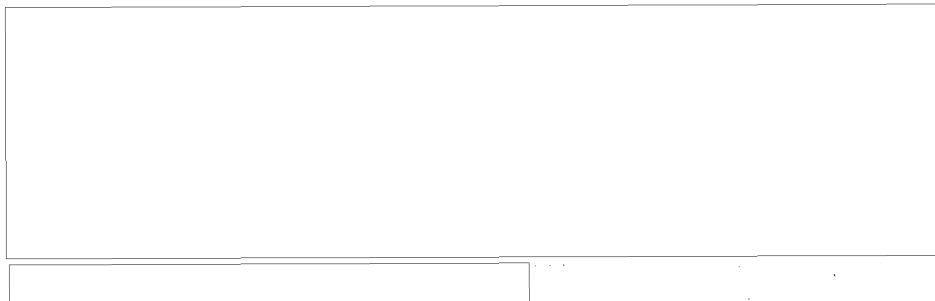
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company will be obliged to shut down oil deliveries to Jordan's Zerqa refinery, since supply of small quantities of crude to Jordan alone would be uneconomical for Tapline. The Jordanian armed forces and virtually the entire Jordanian economy are dependent on the Zerqa refinery output, and the Jordanians are understandably upset about the situation.

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SOVIET AFFAIRS

As the conference of Communist parties opened yesterday, Soviet propaganda did not reflect a high degree of confidence in the outcome. Soviet contacts of the US Embassy privately have also displayed pessimism; one journalist has claimed that the conference organizers are themselves uncertain as to its results. The Embassy feels that it is highly unlikely that the meeting will heal existing breaches in the international Communist movement. It could even exacerbate them or place Moscow's pretensions to leadership in further question.

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There is nothing significant to report on Europe.

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II. OTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

URUGUAY

The government has asked for a postponement of Governor Rockefeller's visit until at least early July, ostensibly because it needs more time to develop the Governor's program, but apparently because it fears renewed student demonstrations. 50X1

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demonstrations keyed to the Governor's visit, while initially likely to be small, could quickly turn into major disorders.

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OKINAWA

Yesterday's labor demonstration outside a US installation, while pretty small stuff in itself, resulted in the wounding of a moderate Okinawan legislator by an American military policeman. Leftist elements may use the incident to drum up support for a general strike protesting the presence of B-52s. According to Chief Executive Yara, there already has been talk of such a strike this month or next. Last February, Yara averted a general work stoppage by claiming that the B-52s probably would be removed by midyear.

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